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SUBJECT: C-130 TRANSFER TO OKINAWA

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM COMUSTDC TAIPEI TAIWAN TRANSFER
TO YOU FOR ACTION.

1. FOLLOWING NEWS STORY WAS ON PAGE ONE OF THE NOV 7 ISSUE OF
THE OKINAWA MORNING STAR.

QUOTE: A SQUADRON OF AIRCRAFT FROM THE 374TH TACTICAL AIR WING
ON TAIWAN WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO KADENA AIR BASE IN THE NEAR
FUTURE, AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN TOLD THE MORNING STAR YESTER-
DAY.

2. ABOUT 500 MEN AND ONE SQUADRON OF C130'S OF THE 475TH TACTICAL
AIR SQUADRON ARE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER. TWO OTHER
SQUADRONS OF THE 374TH TAW ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CLARK AIR
BASE IN THE PHILLIPINES. THE 374TH'S HEADQUARTERS WILL ALSO BE
LOCATED AT CLARK.

3. ACCORDING TO THE AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN, THE REASON FOR THE
MOVES IS AS FOLLOWS: "THE CONTINUED NEED FOR THIS ACTIVITY ON
TAIWAN HAS DECREASED WITH THE REDUCTION IN U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN
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HOSTILITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WITH THE LESSENING OF TENSIONS

IN THE AREA. AS THIS NEED HAS DECREASED VARIOUS AUGMENTATION
UNITS HAVE REDEPLOYED TO CONUS. PLACING THE REMAINING THREE
SQUADRONS OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AT OUR SUPPLY TERMINALS OF-
FERS AND EFFICIENT PIPELINE FOR MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES TO U.S.
FORCES IN THE AREA."

4. DATES CONCERNING THE START AND COMPLETION OF THE THREE TAW
TRANSFERS ARE CLASSIFIED THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

5. THE C-130'S, TACTICAL AIRLIFT WORKHORSES, ARE USED MAINLY FOR
CARGO, HE SAID. THEY ARE ALSO USED FOR MOVING U.S. FORCES
AROUND THE PACIFIC. EIGHTEEN TO TWENTY-FOUR ARE NORMALLY IN
ONE SQUADRON. UNQUOTE.
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